

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' AID APPEALS TO NEW YORK LABOR TO HELP THE PASSAIC TEXTILE WORKERS WIN THEIR STRIKE

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GREEN FAILS IN MOVE TO BREAK N. Y. FUR STRIKE

Furrier's Rank and File Defends Leadership

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, April 16.—Seven thousand striking fur workers, crowding inside and out of Carnegie Hall, demanded that Ben Gold, strike leader, be permitted to speak at a meeting called by the International Furriers' Union. Hugh Frayne, New York organizer of the A. F. of L., who had been invited here by the International, was howled down by the crowd because Gold was not permitted to come into the hall. The cry of those in the hall, "Let Gold speak, we want to hear Gold" was echoed by the thousands swarming about the front who could not gain entry. After ten minutes of this storm, Frayne gave up. The meeting was disbanded. It was a great victory for the New York joint board which is leading the present strike of 12,000 fur workers.

The meeting had been called by President Schachtman and other officers of the national administration of the furriers' union as an opening wedge to take the leadership of the strike out of the hands of the progressive New York joint board. Gold, the manager, and the other members of the joint board had decided to go to the meeting and make it a demonstration for the strike and to demand support from the International.

Gangsters and Police.

At nine in the morning, the fur workers began to gather at the hall. By twelve noon there were four thousand present and at one thirty in the afternoon this had swollen to seven thousand. A large force of police was on hand. Abraham Beckerman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers had his gangsters on hand. Only a small part of the crowd could get into the hall. They rest swarmed about the doors in front.

When Gold came and attempted to get into the hall, he was refused admission. Aaron Gross, a vice-president of the union was also not allowed to go in. This started the demonstration. From all around came the demand to allow the two officials into the hall.

Frayne Gives Up. When the meeting was opened, the demand for Gold picked up momentum. The introduction of Organizer Frayne only served to enhance the protests of the crowd. He could make no headway against the constant cries from the audience and finally gave up the (Continued on page 2.)

NEW YORK WORKERS! RALLY TO THE AID OF THE PASSAIC MILL STRIKE

The riot law has been read in New Jersey. Deputies are to patrol the streets with sawed-off shot guns. Leaders are jailed and held on exorbitant bail, picketing and meetings are forbidden. But still the spirit of the strikers remains undaunted and their determination to win is stronger than ever.

The International Workers' Aid calls on all unions, all fraternal organizations, all sympathizers to support the strikers in this crisis. They must be fed and clothed that they may continue the fight until won.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE TODAY? The Bronx bakers offer several trucks of bread a week, the flour being given by the bosses. The Russian Dramatic Club will give a play Sunday, April 18, at 1347 Boston Road, and the Williamsburg Jewish Club will give a concert and dance April 24 at 16 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, the proceeds of both to go for the Passaic strikers. The Comrades Social Club of 1400 Clinton Ave., Bronx, donated \$25.00. Many shops are making collections, individuals are donating and from one of the big colleges comes a request for advice as to the best way for them to aid the strikers.

The ball held Saturday night at the Central Opera House was a big success, and this means that thousands of pounds of sugar, cans of food and other necessities will go to encourage our fellow workers in Passaic. Hundreds of pairs of shoes and several truck loads of clothing have been sent thru this office to the strikers. But now, at their critical time, they must be shown that the workers are solidly behind them and DOLLARS will prove it. DOLLARS will give them encouragement. DOLLARS will keep them from starving.

How many DOLLARS will you send today? How many pairs of SHOES, CLOTHING?

Have you a list? If not, send for one.

Send all contributions to the International Workers' Aid, Local New York, Room 237, 799 Broadway, New York City. Telephone Stuyvesant 9064.—Marian E. Emerson, Secretary.

Union Drive in the Dress Industry Starts

MASS COMMITTEE OF 500 INSTALLED AT I. L. G. W. U. MEETING OPENING BIG CAMPAIGN; ZIMMERMAN SPEAKS

The first gun of the big organization barrage that will sweep Chicago's cloak and dress industry was fired last night at a mass meeting of more than 1,000 members of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union at Schoenhofen Hall.

The meeting marked the opening of a well prepared campaign of organization initiated by the new administration of the Chicago Joint Board of the I. L. G. W. U.

The feature of the occasion was the installation of a mass committee of 500 members of the union chosen by the various organized shops to carry on the campaign.

The main speaker was Sascha Zimmerman, manager of the organization committee of the New York joint board. He was given an enthusiastic welcome by the Chicago members. He conveyed the greetings of the New York brothers and pledged the support of the New York joint board to the present organization drive in Chicago.

New Methods.

"We in New York," Zimmerman said, "are now trying to put into practice certain fundamental principles that we have been fighting for years. We have always said that in order to organize the large masses into the unions we must throw into the work the whole body of the membership. The former officers of the New York joint board could not do this. They attempted to alienate the best fighters and even expelled them from the union."

"But now it is different. Since the new administration took office in New

SORKIN AND AIDS LAUNCH ATTACK ON NEW YORK LEADERS AT EASTERN CONFERENCE OF FURRIERS' LOCALS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, April 16.—The International officers of the Furriers' Union, unable any longer to contain themselves over the splendid showing being made by the New York joint board in the present New York strike, called a conference of the eastern locals under the pretense of helping the strike.

The members of the New York joint board who went there as delegates were not surprised to find that the conference turned out to be an attack upon the New York joint board—a vicious attack, at the worst possible time—when the New York fur workers are at grips with the manufacturers.

Benjamin Gold, chairman of the New York joint board, made an hour's speech in which he told of the struggle against the New York bosses. He also took occasion to show the delegates how the International office of the union had been giving as little help as possible to the New York strike.

Vice-President Sorkin, leader of the (Continued on page 2.)

FUR STRIKERS HOLD 3 HUGE MASS MEETINGS

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW YORK, April 16.—Two striking furriers, Irving Tetterbaum and Thomas Arvani, were brot to Jefferson Market Court today and fined \$10 each because of a disorderly conduct charge made against them by a former active member of the union, Frank Stout, who has now become a manufacturer at 125 West 25th street. Stout only set up business for himself in January, when strike preparations were being made and all the members of the union were getting ready for this great struggle to gain better conditions for all the workers.

Socialist Boss.

In line with all the other bosses who have been fighting the workers in this great fur strike, Stout, who is a member of the socialist party, 6th assembly district, had the two union members arrested and arraigned in court. He charged they had annoyed him by picketing, and \$20 of the union's money had to be used to pay the two workers' fines.

Knife Attack.

Wielding a fur knife, Jacob Lipton, a fur manufacturer of 123 West 25th street, made a vicious attack upon a fur worker this afternoon and cut him severely on the face, hands and body. An ambulance had to be called to give Weiss first aid treatment and he was later attended by a physician. With his head swathed in bandages, he was brot to the West 30th street station under arrest, with another striker Abraham Reiter, and Lipton who is charged with felonious assault. The two fur workers had gone to investigate Lipton's shop and the manufacturer immediately picked up his knife and attacked Weiss. There was scarcely an inch of his face that was visible after his wounds had been dressed, and he was greatly weakened from loss of blood.

NATIONAL 'SUB' DRIVE ATTRACTS BIG ATTENTION

First Moscow Candidate Announces Himself

Before the small force of The DAILY WORKER has been able to put completely into the mails some 20,000 subscription drive announcements, the first returns are rolling in. On To Moscow!

John Hetschelsky, of Chicago, one of the leading sub-getters, brot in five new yearly subscriptions to carry the first lot of Lenin, by the noted sculptor, J. Piccoli, in the National Sub Drive for The DAILY WORKER.

"This is the opening gun," was John's statement. "Give me that bust for my first job. I got those at my union meeting last night—and give me competition! There is none in Chicago (?) and I'm going to Moscow with a record of subs that no other in the country will equal. Broadcast this challenge, he added, "I'm started!"

The competition is now open to beat John Hetschelsky of Chicago.

Pennsylvania First Under Way.

Pennsylvania has been prepared most systematically. The Agitprop committee of the Pittsburgh district from news just received from A. Jakira, district organizer, has made provisions to cover all Communist units at once. City agent, Bill Scaville, is to secure the co-operation of the Young Workers League, the whole city thru the unions and shop campaigns is to be put into motion. A good number of subscriptions accompanied the plans.

Philadelphia Young Workers Join.

In Philadelphia, three leading comrades in the Y. W. L. have been enthusiastically received as a committee to serve with the Philadelphia DAILY WORKER Builders, coming as they did with a pledge of wholehearted youth support.

Chicago began its campaign with a drive on all sections, planned distribution of 20,000 copies of the May Day issue of The DAILY WORKER and announcements (self admission) the first candidate to Moscow.

Hundred Thousand for May Day.

Thousands of copies of The DAILY WORKER have been ordered for May Day meetings throughout the country. New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and a few other cities have run the total of initial orders close to the hundred thousand mark with most of the country still to be heard from.

All indications are that the Third Annual Sub Drive is going to develop into the most remarkable one yet held for any American working class newspaper and the future months will see a "Daily" better able to battle for labor.

Old Parties Repudiate Election Promises

(Special to The Daily Worker)

ALBANY, N. Y., April 16.—The final test vote on the 48-hour week bill for women and minors in industry will be taken this week in the senate on a motion to discharge the rules committee from further consideration of the measure. The majority of the committee is opposed to the bill, but have opposed reporting it because of their knowledge that a majority of the senate is in its favor.

A motion in the assembly where a similar parliamentary situation prevailed for the discharge of the rules committee from further consideration of the Shonk bill, identical with the senate proposal, failed last week by seven votes. Even if passed in the upper house the proposal is sure to be killed in the assembly.

Both the democratic and republican parties were pledged to establish a 48-hour week by their election platforms.

Defend Weisbord!

Appeal to the Workers of America by the International Labor Defense

DRIVEN to desperation by the stubborn and heroic resistance of the striking textile workers, the mill owners of Passaic have played their last desperate card.

Operating thru their political henchmen they have arrested Albert Weisbord, the courageous and inspiring leader of the strike and have openly announced their intention to railroad him to the penitentiary.

Together with Weisbord they have also arrested Robert Dunn, of the American Civil Liberties Union, Norman Thomas, of the Socialist Party, Esther Lowell of the Federated Press, and a number of others.

The textile police who have not even flinched from beating women and children have shown no discrimination in their persecutions. Representatives of all shades of opinion who have taken part in the strike and given aid and comfort to the embattled workers are slated for the penitentiary. There are only two sides in Passaic; the side of the workers and those who stand with them in their fight for the right to live, and the mill barons and their political tools.

The czaristic actions of the Passaic officials is a challenge to the entire working class of America. It must be taken up most energetically and without delay. Just as the inspiring example of the Passaic struggle has put new hope and courage and aspiration into the hearts of the most oppressed workers throughout America, so does this attempt to smash the strike and to send its best leaders to prison menace their interests as well.

Every one of those arrested regardless of his political or philosophical standpoint is entitled to the unreserved support of the working class of America. They have been taken prisoner on the battle front for labor. This fact, and this fact alone, is important at the moment.

With especial warmth and devotion the workers must rally to the defense of the one most hated and feared by the bosses, Albert Weisbord, the leader and organizer of the strike. For he is a representative of the best type of modern militant labor leader. He is young, intelligent, fearless and devoted to the workers. For that reason the bosses are determined at all costs to "get" him, to railroad him to the penitentiary, to get rid of him and all that he represents, by any means, no matter how brutal and illegal.

The greatest need of the hour is the immediate organization of a gigantic, united, nation-wide campaign of agitation and protest to wake up the labor movement and throw it into action. The International Labor Defense, which has for its aim to fraternally unite all forces on the platform of labor defense, is taking the initiative to organize such a movement and will put all of its resources, down to the last dollar and the last man, into the fight.

All elements and tendencies in the labor movement and all who believe in free speech and the rights of labor must unite in one tremendous protest movement.

The Passaic strikers are heroically defending the elementary rights of labor. They stand today in the very vanguard of the labor movement.

The arrested leaders are the standard bearers of the fight against reaction. Let us build a wall of defense around them. All together for heroic Passaic!

All together for united, nation-wide defense of the arrested leaders!

International Labor Defense,
James P. Cannon, National Secretary.

AUSTRIAN WORKERS' DELEGATION IN THE SOVIET UNION REFUTES LIES OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONISTS

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R. (Tass).—(by Mail).—"Izvestia" publishes the following statement written by the delegation of Austrian workers visiting Soviet Russia in which they point out the progress made by Soviet Russia: "The Austrian workers' delegation is leaving Moscow to visit Georgia via Kiev and Ekaterinoslav. The delegation has taken advantage of its stay in Moscow to visit factories and see how work is conducted there and also to come into close contact with the organizations of the Russian Trade Union Movement.

"The impression we have obtained of all that we have seen completely refutes the lies and calumnies circulated abroad about Soviet Russia. We see a country engaged in socialist construction, a country in which the masses of the toilers are bound by the ties of common labor and together are forging new forms of social life.

"The information and statistics which we received here from the official organizations we tested in personal observations and conversation with workers, both Communist and non-Communist, and we found that all that we had been told was correct."

Take this copy of the DAILY WORKER with you to the shop

I. L. D. GATHERS ALL RESOURCES FOR BIG FIGHT

Cannon Goes to Passaic to Organize Drive

International Labor Defense has come forth as the champion of Albert Weisbord, Passaic Textile strike leader, who together with Norman Thomas, Esther Lowell and others has been attacked by the minions of the mill barons, thrown in jail and released only on an exorbitant bail.

James P. Cannon, national secretary of International Labor Defense said today, "I. L. D. is embarking on a great nation-wide campaign of protest against the arrest of Weisbord, Norman Thomas, Robert Dunne, Esther Lowell and others who have been arrested in Passaic. This act is plainly the last resort of the mill owners who have been unable to break the strikers' resistance by one of the worst reigns of terror and police brutality that has characterized a strike in this country."

Goes to N. Y.

"I am leaving for New York and Passaic to attempt to rally together in one united effort all elements in the labor movement, radical and progressive, to fight against this vicious persecution. The police, acting for the mill owners, made no discrimination about political or other opinion when they arrested Weisbord, Thomas and the others, and the workers should make no discrimination in the fight to save them from the brutal consequences awaiting them unless by sheer might of a nation-wide protest the workers are able to set them free."

Weisbord Good Type.

"Weisbord is the best type of workers' leader. He has performed a great work in his present leadership of this strike. Young and intrepid, with the solid confidence of the 16,000 mill workers behind him, he has thrown fear into the hearts of the exploiting, labor-hating mill owners. His arrest is their last effort to break the strike. They have tried to isolate the leader of the strike and have persecuted sympathetic elements coming from outside to help the workers.

Nation-wide Support.

"The whole working class of the country must thwart this dastardly attack. The whole working class movement, all sections of it, as well as those who still respect the rights of free speech and free assembly must rally behind this drive of International Labor Defense to stay the treacherous hand of the Passaic textile barons working thru their minions, the municipal governments of the small mill towns."

International Labor Defense reports that all of its branches thruout the country are being notified to concentrate on this campaign and Secretary Cannon hopes to create a great united movement thruout the east for the release, unconditionally of Weisbord, Thomas, Dunne, Lowell and all others arrested in the strike zone.

Weisbord Is Released; Gives \$30,000 Bail

(Special to The Daily Worker)

PASSAIC, N. J., April 16.—Albert Weisbord, organizer and leader of the strike of 16,000 textile workers that is (Continued on page 2.)

Impetus for the Class Struggle!

THE present drive for The DAILY WORKER is part of the program of our Party to give a new impetus in the direction of the class struggle to the labor movement of the country. The DAILY WORKER has lived two years at the cost of great sacrifice and struggle. It will be able to continue to live and serve the American labor movement if it can create a broader base for its existence thru reaching a larger circle of readers. Success in achieving this end, which is the aim of the present campaign, will not only aid The DAILY WORKER, it will be a powerful factor in pushing the labor movement forward.

EVERY FRIEND OF THE DAILY WORKER MUST AID IN THIS CAMPAIGN. EVERY PARTY MEMBER MUST DO HIS UTMOST TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

C. E. RUTHENBERG,
General Secretary Workers (Communist) Party.

WEISBORD OUT OF PRISON ON \$30,000 BAIL

Picketing Is Resumed at Once

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now closing the twelfth week of struggle, was released on \$30,000 bond after a writ of habeas corpus had been obtained for him by attorneys for the United Front Committee which is conducting the strike.

Weisbord was arrested Saturday and had been held until Thursday in the Hackensack jail.

He will immediately resume active leadership of the strike and preparations have already been made to make the fight more aggressive.

To Resume Picketing

The strike committee has issued a call for the 16,000 strikers to report for mass picketing at all the mills today and it is expected that there will be further sharp struggles to test the right of workers peacefully to picket strike mills.

Sheriff Nimmo of Bergen county and the police officials of Passaic and Clifton are quoted in the reptile press as declaring they will use all power at their disposal to break up any picket line that is established. These lackeys of the mill owners are still laboring under the impression that once the riot act is read it prohibits any future demonstrations until they decide the critical situation has passed.

Armed Camp

Garfield today presents the appearance of a town in a state of siege. Some 400 questionable characters who have been sworn in as deputy sheriffs by Nimmo patrol the streets with sawed-off shot guns in their hands, intimidating the population by dispersing even small groups of three and four that congregate on the public thoroughfares.

Norman Thomas Arrested

The Rev. Norman Thomas, former socialist candidate for governor of New York, was arrested Wednesday for addressing a meeting in Garfield and criticizing the authorities for arresting Weisbord. He was held overnight in one of the foul jails here and when arraigned yesterday before Louis Hargreaves, judge of the police court, was held in \$10,000 bail, which was furnished. So anxious were the deputies from the sheriff's office to keep Thomas in jail that one of them insisted upon taking him to the county jail even after bail was furnished on the pretext that the first bail only covered the arraignment and that additional bail would be required to release him pending action by the grand jury. Energetic action by the attorneys for the defense resulted in his release on the original bail.

Mills Not Operating

If the authorities expected that the launching of a reign of terror would intimidate the strikers and force them back into the mills, they have been badly disappointed as the workers, prohibited from meeting, are refusing to be driven back and are still continuing the strike.

The mills are not operating and only the few office workers, some foremen and other stooge-pieces of the bosses are entering the mills. The police and the mill owners are learning that reading of riot acts and the brutal use of policemen's clubs will not produce woollens.

Move to Oust the Left Wing Leaders in New York Strike Fails

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Job. After the meeting had been dissolved the workers formed into lines and went marching and singing thru the fur market. They crowded in and around the joint board headquarters in great masses showing in which direction they look for leadership.

Another large detachment of strikers moved in the direction of the Forward building where a demonstration was staged against the paper for its treachery to the strike. The demonstrators were dispersed by the police.

Joint Board Victory

The Carnegie Hall meeting was but a ruse of the international officers to make a break in the successful administration of the New York joint board progressive leadership that they are opposing. Frayne was brought in to aid in breaking down the confidence of the members in their strike leadership. But the trick was a dismal failure. The tables were completely turned around.

From beginning to end the meeting and the ensuing demonstrations were clearly in favor of the joint board and against Schachtman and Sorkin. It was a tremendous victory for the strikers and ended in completely discrediting the international officers.

Council Withdraws Support

It was Hugh Frayne who last Saturday presented the furriers' strike situation to the Central Trades Council of New York in such a way that that body withdrew its previous endorsement of the strike. He said that a referendum of the New York members of the furriers' union would turn the leadership of the strike over to the international officers, who would then negotiate and settle the strike in a "real A. F. of L. fashion."

Frayne's Proposal

Frayne presented the following as a basis for settlement with the fur bosses: 1. Use old agreement as basis for settlement. 2. Eliminate overtime "as far as possible." 3. A three year agreement. 4. No apprenticeship from February 1st 1926 to February 1st, 1928. 5. No sub-contracting. 6. Present wage minimum increased ten per cent. 7. At the end of two years only one minimum instead of two. 8. Agree to work a forty-two hour, five-day week with four hours on Saturday.

The demands made by the joint board are, among others, 1. A forty-hour week. 2. Equal division of work and no discharge. 3. Unemployment insurance fund to be paid by the manufacturers. A comparison of the two easily shows that the latter demands of the joint board as against those submitted by Frayne leave the union a strong hand in the affairs of the industry and call for a shorter work day commensurate with the hard labor in the fur shops and the seasonal nature of the trade.

It is understood that Samuel N. Samuels, for the fur manufacturers has accepted Hugh Frayne's proposals as a final understanding. But the last word on the settlement of the strike will be said by the New York membership under the leadership of the joint board.

Forest Fires in Northwest

BRANNER, Minn., April 16.—The countryside was a waste of charred ruin in three townships near here after forest fires swept over an area of several thousand acres, destroying a school, farmhouses, barns, several granaries and hundreds of tons of hay and straw.

I. L. G. W. URGES LABOR TO FIGHT ANTI-ALIEN LAW

Chicago Joint Board Backs Machinists

The Chicago joint board of the International Ladies Garment Workers is sending out a letter to all local unions in Chicago endorsing the call of Machinists locals 84 and 337 for a conference for the protection of foreign born workers that will be held on Sunday morning, Room 300, 180 W. Washington St.

In this letter the joint board calls on the various unions to send delegates to this conference where ways and means of resisting the bills that have been introduced in congress against alien workers will be discussed. The letter follows:

"The local joint board of the International Ladies Garment Workers have had under consideration the matter of the anti-aliens bills introduced in the United States congress, and elected a committee authorized to bring this matter before the Chicago labor organizations with a view of proposing a conference of delegates selected from the various unions to discuss ways and means of effectively opposing the passage of these bills.

Raps Aswell Bill

"The most vicious of these bills is the one introduced by Representative Aswell, proposing to fingerprint, register and photograph all foreign-born residents of the United States. The aim is clearly to prevent such workers from joining unions and from participating in strikes. The bills have been condemned by the last American Federation of Labor convention.

"A committee selected by the Machinists Locals Nos. 84 and 337 appeared before our joint board, stating that they had been selected by their unions authorized to act in a similar manner. We have since been informed by this joint committee that they have already issued a call to all Chicago local trade unions and workers' organizations inviting them to participate in a conference called for Sunday, April 18, at 10 a. m. to take place at 180 W. Washington St., room 300.

Send Delegates to Conference

"We assume that this joint committee representing the two Machinists' Local Unions mentioned have already communicated with your organization asking you to select delegates for this conference. In view of the fact that these anti-foreign-born bills are now being considered in committee and apt to be reported for action to congress at any time, we urge that your local union takes action upon the invitation of the Machinists' Local Unions toward selecting delegates for this conference.

"If you have not received the communication from the Machinists' Locals we urge that you consider this an invitation to send delegates. If this letter does not reach your local union until April 18 we urge that you nevertheless select your delegates and notify our joint board, which will then take care that your delegates are informed of future meetings of this conference.

"Fraternally yours,

"I. L. Davidson, Secy.

"B. Soli, Chairman."

WILL TEST RIGHT OF GITLOW TO SPEAK IN PHILADELPHIA MONDAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 16.—A free speech meeting will be held in Philadelphia on Monday night, April 16, at the Labor Institute, Eighth and Locust St. This meeting will test the right of the police to prohibit Benjamin Gitlow from speaking. Benjamin Gitlow will speak for the Workers (Communist) Party, Forest Bailey for the Civil Liberties Union; J. O. Bentall for the International Labor Defense. Admission free.

Sorkin and His Aids Launch Attack on the Furrier Strike Leaders

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reactionary forces in the union, then arose and began to tell of "many complaints" he had received from members of New York locals who said they were dissatisfied with the manner in which the strike was being conducted. New York delegates challenged Sorkin to give the names of these members. Sorkin refused.

He then went on to question the use of strike funds by the New York joint board. This caused great indignation among the New York delegates but was far surpassed by Sorkin's traitorous charge that the New York joint board was using hired gangsters in the strike—the same charge being made by the bosses and the New York district attorney.

This was too much. The New York members arose in a body and walked out of the hall. Outside they were greeted by a large number of rank and file members of New York who had not been permitted into the meeting.

After the New York representatives had left, A. Schachtman, the president of the union and chairman of the meeting, took the floor and definitely aligned himself with the Sorkin group by saying he had made the mistake of his life by associating himself with the New York joint board but that now he was thru with them.

With nothing but the picked representatives of the small eastern locals left in the conference it was not at all difficult for Sorkin to get a motion passed turning the leadership of the New York strike over to the International Union "at such a time as may be necessary."

But passing a motion and taking the leadership out of the hands of the New York joint board are two entirely different things. The fur strikers of New York have demonstrated on more than one occasion their confidence in the leaders of the New York joint board. Now in the midst of one of their worst struggles and at a time when the yellow reactionary leaders of the international attempt to stab the New York joint board—and the strike—in the back, the fighting fur workers of New York will once again declare their loyalty to and confidence in the militant leadership of Gold and his associates.

Herrin Riot Inquest Starts Today, But Is Postponed for Funeral

HERRIN, Ill., April 16.—Only two witnesses were heard today at the inquest into the death of six men during the Klan and anti-Klan shooting last Tuesday. The inquest was postponed to allow some of the witnesses to attend the funeral which is being held today for the three dead Klansmen.

Soviet Union Gives the League of Nations Slap in Face in Disarmament

By J. LOUIS ENGDAHL

GEORGES TCHICHERIN, commissar of foreign affairs for the Union of Soviet Republics, has replied to the invitation of the league of nations asking that the Workers' and Peasants' Government send delegates to the proposed Preparatory Disarmament Commission.

Imperialist diplomacy got such a stinging slap in the face that the smarting will be kept alive for some time.

It is necessary for American workers and farmers to fully acquaint themselves with European militarism, since it is with wealth stolen from labor in this country that the international bankers make huge loans to European governments, most of this money being spent to maintain increasingly large armaments.

The fraudulent efforts of the league of nations to hold disarmament gatherings are mere attempts to drug the peoples of the world into believing that the governments that plunged the world into the last war are sincerely seeking the path toward peace. Thus Tchicherin declares:

"From the start it (the league of nations) deliberately aimed to prevent participation of the Union of Soviet Republics in the work of the disarmament commission and all the formal declarations on the averred enormous importance of the Soviet Union's collaboration in the task of disarmament were devoid of sincerity and real value."

That is the answer of the Soviet Union to the effort of the league's jackals to place the blame for the failure to disarm on the shoulders of the Russian workers and peasants.

The Soviet Union was the first to present in full the question of general disarmament at the Genoa Conference in 1922.

The Soviet Union had already called a conference of bordering states with the purpose of examining the question of disarmament. To this conference it presented a concrete and quite realizable program.

The Workers' and Peasants' Government voluntarily reduced its own military forces to the absolute minimum possible in view of the refusal of the capitalist states to reduce their armaments.

Yet the Soviet Government has never concealed its skepticism regarding the alleged efforts being put forth by the league for the supposed purpose of reducing armaments.

In spite of the protests of the Soviet Union, the league officials insisted on holding their preparatory conference at Geneva, Switzerland. It was the Swiss government that not only failed to protect M. Vorovsky, the Soviet delegate, when threats were made against his life at the Lausanne Conference in 1922, but later did everything possible to absolve the murderer. The Soviet Union does not intend to send any more of its spokesmen into this murderers' nest to become the target of imperialist assassins.

It would be very easy for the league's gathering to be held in some other country. But no! It must stew in Geneva, pot of boiling imperialist intrigue. So it hypocritically seizes on the Soviet Union's refusal to come to Geneva as an opening for another attack on the Workers' Republics. But Tchicherin rips off the mask of this double-dealing diplomacy, revealing its hideous face to the whole world, when he declares:

"... the preliminary disarmament conference will meet in Geneva, if it ever meets, to examine proposals on which an agreement is neither desired nor anticipated, and which have been formulated for the specific purpose of ensuring the failure of the enterprise...."

"The attitude of the directors of the league of nations... has definitely convinced the Soviet Government of the lack of seriousness and insincerity... of the league of nations as well as the latter's incapacity and inaptitude to carry out so important a task as calling a universal disarmament conference."

These charges will be fully substantiated by developing events. Last Tuesday's elections in Illinois indicate that the workers and farmers of this state are quite aware of at least some of the repulsive characteristics of the league. That knowledge must grow into a class opposition, not only against the league, but also against the Wall Street government at Washington that gives it aid and comfort.

them the third degree about the charges made by the "Forward."

"But they are fighting us too. The new progressive leadership in New York has been too successful to suit the Forward. It is supporting the former officers whom we displaced. When we took office these gentlemen turned everything over to us with the hope and the words, 'Wait and see, you will break your necks.' But we didn't. We have made a success of our organization drive. We are beginning to build a much larger and sounder organization. Now they are jealous. They had hoped to come back after we broke our necks. But now the New York membership has confidence only in the new leadership."

"You here in this present campaign must be soldiers every one—disciplined and willing to perform your every assigned task. New York will give Chicago every support. Every clothing center must be organized 100 per cent. That is our common aim. After our present struggles are over, we will call a convention of all needle trades unions and build one united union for all needle trades workers."

The chairman of the meeting was B. Soli, also chairman of the Chicago joint board. The Freiheit Singing Society gave four excellent numbers during one of which, The International, everyone remained standing. The Polish Man's Chorus rounded out the program.

An organization meeting of the committee of 500 will be held next Thursday night. The spirit of the members present was enthusiastic. They responded well to the addresses and a successful organization campaign in the cloak and dress industry in Chicago seems assured when these hundreds get busy in the market place.

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April Issue of The Mercury Cannot Be Sent Thru the Mails

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Solicitor Donnelly of the postoffice department reiterated the ruling of Postmaster-General New that the April issue of the American Mercury was to be barred from the mails for carrying an alleged salacious story called "Hatrack."

H. L. Mencken and his counsel tried to prove that the article was not obscene and that it was an effective literary work. They pointed out that the barring of the magazine from the mails had placed it in the category as other magazines dealing exclusively in racy sex stories.

They also asked the solicitor why the newspapers that carried the details of the Rhineland divorce case were not barred from the mails. In the Rhineland case many of the intimacies of the couple were given first page publicity in the metropolitan dailies. The postmaster's lackey merely declared the department was "carrying out the law."

Besides restraining the Watch and Ward Society from interfering with the circulation of the Mercury in Massachusetts, Judge Morton also refused to dismiss Mencken's suit for \$50,000 damages against that organization because of its interference with his magazine.

Send us items about your class in Worker Correspondence for the Worker Correspondents' Corner. When does it meet? How many are there? What industries do they engage in? How is the class conducted? What are you doing about May Day?

Union Drive in the Dress Industry Starts

(Continued from Page 1)

shops and 75 new cloak shops. In all, during this campaign, we increased our membership by 4,000. The new system of organization was therefore conclusively vindicated. You here are embarking on a similar campaign. I predict its success and pledge the undivided support of your New York brothers who will help you in every way they can."

Manager Levine

J. Levine, the new manager of the Chicago Joint Board elected in the recent contest in which the progressive forces of the union were victorious, made his first appearance before a large gathering of the membership. He was greeted by vigorous applause.

"In the old days," Levine said, "we used to hire one or two or several organizers, pay them salaries and turn them loose with the expectation that they would organize the industry. Tonight we are starting a new system. We are installing a committee of 500 rank and file members who will put their shoulders to the wheel and with the support of the entire membership we will organize the entire cloak and dress industry in Chicago."

"I want to say on behalf of myself and my brother officers that we are prepared to go the limit to make this campaign a success. We will give every ounce of our energy and ability to the service of our union."

Ida Rothstein Speaks

Anton Johansson, chairman of the organization committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was scheduled to speak but due to illness was unable to appear. In his stead, Ida Rothstein, well known member of the union, for-

merly of New York and now a member of Local 100, Chicago, spoke. "Chicago is going to set an example to the rest of the country in this present drive," she said. "There are 8,000 or 9,000 workers in the dress industry alone that we must and that with the right spirit we will organize."

"Tonight's meeting shows that the workers present did not come here only to listen to the speakers. It is plain that every one here is imbued with determination, that each came here to pledge himself to be one of the organizers in the drive we are initiating tonight."

"We have our differences of opinion, politically and otherwise, but the union is not a political party. It is a common protector and champion of all exploited workers. When it comes to fighting the bosses, we must drop our differences and fight as one man. We must march unitedly into the market place and show the bosses that we mean business and that we will stand together."

Italian Speaker

J. Candela spoke in Italian. He extended greetings to the members present and their campaign of organization from the Italian workers' newspaper, Il Lavoratore. He appealed for consolidated ranks in the present struggle and warned the members of the dangers that capitalism will attempt to set in their path. Fascism is spreading to America and has as its purpose only the crushing of the workers' movement. The workers must organize not only industrially but, in order to cope with the enormous power of the bosses, must unite under the banner of a powerful labor party.

A member of the Polish local, 104, spoke in Polish. He pointed to the huge number of Polish workers in Chicago and said that his local was prepared to take the lead during the present campaign to organize this great section of Chicago's workers.

Union Difficulties

Zimmerman, in his speech, told of some of the difficulties confronting the New York union. "The bosses are building large structures called clothing centers with 20 or more floors. There are guards on each floor and the doorman and elevator starters act as lookouts. You can see how difficult it would be, for example, to organize a union on the nineteenth floor. As soon as union organizers get busy they are immediately surrounded by thugs and police."

Building Committees

"But we got around this by organizing building committees and shop committees that have strict control of every union shop in their sections and have a constant watch over the non-union shops. This method has allowed us to organize many shops that under the old system were untouchable."

Amalgamation

"We have taken a lesson also from the present strike of the furriers in New York which we are supporting. We have been talking amalgamation for years. We were told that it was good in theory but that it wouldn't work in practice. But recent happenings have shown that Amalgamation is no longer a theory—it is an absolute necessity for the needle trades industry."

SCRANTON LABOR HATER SPEAKS ON DEMOCRACY

Makes a Red-Baiting Speech to Business Men

(Special to The Daily Worker)
ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 16—William B. Healy, member of the Constitutional Educational League, came from Scranton and threw a scare into the smug Babbitts at the Hotel Bethlehem at a meeting of the Bethlehem Kiwanis Club. He preyed on the fears of these Babbitts telling them of the "impending" revolution.

Healy played on the credulity of these little business men so that at any time his organization needed funds to carry on their "labors," the business men would more willingly shell out their shekels.

One of his gems follows: "Communist doctrines threaten not only our American institutions, but the very foundations of our civilization," Mr. Healy said. "The Communist Party of America, which is itself illegal, expressing itself thru the Workers (Communist) Party, is doing its utmost to become a power in our industrial centers and their strength under the surface of the labor movement has become so great that they command considerable attention."

Drugs versus Cocktails, Is Issue in San Diego Courtmartial Decision

MARINE CORPS BARRACKS, SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 16—Grugs vs. cocktails.

That was the question to be decided today by the jury of admirals and other high naval officials at the courtmartial of Col. Alexander Williams, charged with drunkenness in a public place by Gen. Smedley D. Butler, marine corps firebrand, dry crusader, and labor union foe.

Testimony of the colonel's accuser is that he was "staggering drunk" in the fashionable Hotel del Coronado here the night of March 4. The defense is that Williams was sick, suffering from the effects of a drug used to counteract a bladder infection.

Start Double Check of Ballots Cast in the Primary Elections

The official canvass of the votes cast in the primaries has been started in the offices of the board of election commissioners in the city hall. The count of the ballots cast will take at least two weeks time. Five teams of five clerks each have begun the task. Each of the political factions will be allowed two watchers and one teller to each team.

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PRES. GREEN, INTRODUCED TO ELITE GATHERING BY MRS. JOHN D., ASSURES PLUTES OF LABOR'S LOYALTY TO U. S.

(Special to The Daily Worker)
NEW YORK, April 16—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was honored with the distinction of introducing to the diamond-bedecked rows of ultra-elite members of the aristocratic fellowship council, Park Avenue Baptist Church, a distinguished fellow baptist by the name of William Green.

The president of the American Federation of Labor read a prepared speech to his millionaire co-religionists on "Peace." He told the blue stocking audience that the A. F. of L. had always been opposed to war and as proof pointed to the "proceedings of every convention of the A. F. of L. which are replete with declarations and pronouncements upon peace."

He said it was "inconceivable that any nation would invade the territory or domain of another nation for selfish reasons." But, lest his coupon-clipping auditors have any misgivings, added, "But if such an unexpected development would arise, wherein another nation would be the aggressor, attempting to invade the United States, to impair our country's sovereignty or to attack us in an aggressive war campaign, I am confident the working people of the United States would respond to the needs of the government. We would be willing to defend our country, our liberty and our freedom."

When Mrs. Rockefeller introduced Green, she said he was "one of the greatest leaders of organized labor America has ever had."

F.-L. CANDIDATE RUNS ON CLASS ISSUES IN S. D.

Ayres for Governor of South Dakota

MITCHELL, S. D., April 16—Tom Ayres, candidate for governor of South Dakota on the farmer-labor ticket, said in an interview here today: "I am proud to be the candidate of the farmer-labor party. It is the one political organization in the state which represents the economic needs of the mass of the people. The two old parties represent more than ever before the interests of the capitalists."

"We may well recognize that there are but two classes in America today—the robbers and the robbed. I am for the robbed. It is a class issue."

Ayres is running on a platform that calls for state ownership of many enterprises that, if properly controlled, will benefit the farmer and not mulct him as is now the case.

Wets Say Drys Are Liars; Drys Retort with Counter-Charge

(Special to The Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, April 13—The wets came back to the witness stand in the senate prohibition hearing today to controvert the claims made by the army of women volsteads concerning the effects of the Volstead law. Whereas the women told the committee that prohibition had been a blessing, Stanley Shirk, research director of the New York moderation league, declared today it had been "a curse" and that drunkenness had enormously increased under Volsteadism. In New York alone, he said, there is twice as much drunkenness now as formerly.

Catholic Dogmatist Testifies.
A dark picture of prohibition destroying the morality of a small town was painted by Father Francisco Kasasum, pastor of the Holy Family catholic church at Sugar Notch, Pa., near Scranton.

"Saloons in some larger towns have been closed but in the smaller towns. Now they have opened candy stores, groceries, cigar stores and pool rooms where hard liquors are sold. You can get it everywhere as nearly every home has a still and they sell for from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a quart. The women take care of the stills while the husbands are at work and the women and even children drink it. I have seen children drink it and children from 1 to 17 drunk."

Star Boarders Benefit.
Father Kasasum also declared immorality was on the increase to a "deplorable extent." "The wives make the liquor at home, get drunk and become unfaithful to their husbands, leaving their children behind."

"Then there are grass widows who make liquor, sell it and themselves at the same time. There has been an increase of immorality everywhere. These women don't mind putting on parties at home while their husbands are in the pen."

Oil King's Wife's Buncombe.
An appeal to American parents to set their children an example in law observance was made today by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in a message to the Women's National Committee for law enforcement, in session here to combat the efforts being made in congress to modify the Volstead act.

Earthquakes in Philippines.

MANILA, P. I., April 16—Two light earthquakes were felt here shortly after midnight this morning. The stronger one lasted approximately 46 seconds. No damage was reported.



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FASCIST LEADER PRAYS AS KODAKS TAKE PICTURES

Italian Governor Admits Murder of Native Foes

(Special to The Daily Worker)

TRIPOLI, April 16—Mussolini varied his program today by doing a little praying. Carrying out his principle of the utmost publicity, he had motion picture men stationed all around so they could snap his picture and send it around the world. The incident occurred out in the desert at a memorial erected to the honor of several Italian soldiers who had been killed in 1923 by native rebels.

Despite all his show of courage, the premier is continually under the closest guard of personally chosen fascist guards. Dozens of plain clothes men circulate everywhere the dictator goes, mingling with the crowd. In the native quarters there is little excitement over Mussolini's visit. Most of them are indifferent to political matters, the deep ferment of unrest and anti-imperialist sentiment seeming not to have penetrated into this colony.

Dictatorship in the Colonies.
The vice-governor, Ugo Niccoli, in an interview, showed how Italy was maintaining her power in Tripoli. The methods are those adopted generally in the government of the native African tribes by the other great powers. The fascist governor, however, is more frank than most colonial administrators.

He stated that Italy's task was simpler in this part of Africa because the inhabitants are "an untutored and comparatively passive group of Arabs, the majority of whom are too ignorant to bother about political matters and too indifferent to take any initiative unless stirred up by their leaders."

This being true, Niccoli states the Italians were able "to apply the dominant feature of our policy, which has been to make revolution impotent by cutting off its head."

Fascist Colonial Assassinations.
How was this practical task accomplished? The governor's own brutal and unvarnished accounts tell the tale. "We combed the country for leaders, had them arrested and tried them before a military tribunal, which sentenced thirty to death and imprisoned a number of others."

We got our hands on every important chief except one, who escaped. A number of lesser leaders fled from the district, leaving the Arab masses chieftainless and impotent. We also obliged all conquered tribes to surrender their weapons, the total rifles seized amounting to more than 40,000.

Natives to Kill Natives.
Signor Niccoli said that Italian military policy during the operations in Africa had been to utilize the troops of friendly natives almost entirely, maintaining the smallest numbers of Italians as a nucleus of an army. For this reason the conquest cost very little loss of Italian life, and he estimated the total number of Italians killed in Africa since the world war at about 200.

Although Spanish and French operations in Morocco held the center of the picture, the vice-governor declared there had been stiff warfare in Italian Africa until two years ago, when at the height of the operations Italy had an army of 20,000 in the field.

Establish Farmers' Radio News Service to Begin on Monday

Farmers in five midwestern states, beginning Monday, may eat their noonday meals to the accompaniment of news gathered exclusively for corn belt farmers, and radiocast by the Illinois Agricultural Association from Chicago.

The Illinois organization has obtained the co-operation of the United States department of agriculture in inaugurating the service, the first of its kind ever instituted, and will have assistance also from state colleges of agriculture in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana.

Sam H. Thompson, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will christen the new department of the association, with a talk Monday noon on "The Farmer and Radio."

The week's program will include market, weather and general farm news.

Borah Introduces New Bill for Radio Control

WASHINGTON, April 16—A new radio control bill, creating a national radio commission to regulate the "use of the air," was introduced in the senate this afternoon by Senator Borah, republican of Idaho.

The commission, composed of three members, would have power to license all broadcasting stations, assign wave lengths, call letters and periods of operation. In time of war or public peril, the president would be authorized to take over the operation of all radio stations.

Missouri State Convention.
ST. LOUIS—(FP)—The 34th annual convention, Missouri State Federation of Labor, will convene at Jefferson City May 24. Ratification of the workmen compensation law, which damage suit lawyers have suspended by referendum petitions, will be discussed.

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Czar Hutcheson Prefers Charges Against Head of Cleveland Union

By a Worker Correspondent

CLEVELAND, April 16—President Livingston of Local No. 105 of the Carpenters' Union, has been put under charges for reading a communication of the International Labor Defense before his union.

At a recent meeting a letter from the International Labor Defense was received. The secretary refused to read it, whereupon Livingston took the letter from him and read it to the body. For this act, he is now being put under charges.

Only a month ago, Livingston was attacked by ruffians as he was entering the union meeting. There was no doubt as to who instigated the attack. Livingston is now paying further for his courage in upholding progressive ideas in his organization.

Kluxer Sways Detroit City Council to Vote \$15,000 to His Band

(By a Worker Correspondent)

DETROIT, Mich., April 15—The klu klux klan councilman, Ph. A. Callahan, succeeded in having the city council transfer \$15,000 from the \$75,000 symphony appropriation to the \$15,000 brass band fund.

Callahan said that not one person in 20,000 appreciates symphony music, himself for one. Evidently he was not speaking for the thousands of people that attended the free symphony concerts given at the Belle Isle Park.

The attendance at these symphony concerts was five times greater than at the brass band concerts. The reason for Callahan's stand is obvious. He is a dentist, legislator, self-styled music critic, one time kinsale of the local order of kluxers, and last but not least a brass band master. He found it hard, thru the symphony, to force his 100 per cent brand of music on the people of Detroit last year. Hence the brass bands which can combine, jazz and pro-Morgan nationalist music.

Explosions on Oil Tankers Injure and Kill Many Workers

(Special to The Daily Worker)

NEW ORLEANS, April 16—Seventy-five men are reported injured, missing or killed and five ships are burned or damaged here today as the result of two major maritime disasters which occurred in the vicinity of New Orleans late yesterday, within a few hours.

Thirty or more seamen were unaccounted for early today, following a collision between the Standard Oil tanker Thomas H. Wheeler, inbound for New Orleans, with the Dutch tanker Silvanus, outbound for London, at Pointe a la Hache, 40 miles below New Orleans in the Mississippi river. The collision between the Wheeler and Silvanus, according to radio messages to the Tropical Radio company, was followed immediately by a terrific explosion aboard the Dutch vessel.

The master of the Silvanus, Captain Weister, and several members of the United States shipping board vessel Toppa Toppa, outbound for Scotland. Twelve Chinese sailors were landed at Pointe a la Hache. A later message said one sailor was rescued by the steamer Gulf Coast, and a mate was also picked up by the steamer Baja California.

44 Injured.
Forty-four men were injured and five were still unaccounted for today following a series of explosions late yesterday afternoon on the Standard Oil tanker O. T. Waring, undergoing repairs in dry dock here. The missing men are believed to have leaped into the river when the explosions spread burning oil over the ship.

Connecticut Workers Help Passaic Strikers

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 16—Connecticut labor unions are behind the striking Passaic textile workers. More than \$1,500 has been sent from Connecticut to aid the strikers.

New Haven in its first house to house collection sent \$200 to Passaic. It is holding a second house to house collection on Sunday.

Quash Deportation Case.

DETROIT—(FP)—The five-year-old deportation case against Dr. Alexander M. Rovin, former Detroit representative of the New York Soviet Russian office, has been dismissed after a protracted fight in the federal court.

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Prolet-Tribune, Russian Living Newspaper to Be Out Tonight at 8 P. M.

The next (seventh) issue of Prolet-Tribune, the Russian living newspaper published by the worker correspondents of the Novy Mir, will be out Saturday, April 17, at the Workers House, 1902 W. Division St. Beginning at 8 p. m. Admission is 25 cents.

Amalgamated Clothing Workers Collect Funds for Passaic Strikers

CLEVELAND, April 16—The last joint board meeting of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of this city voted that all members of the local organization should contribute 5 per cent of their weekly wage for relief of the strikers in Passaic.

Collection has already been made in one section of a factory, and \$85 has been donated.

Los Angeles Women's League Aids Passaic

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 13—The Women's Consumer's Educational League is busily engaged with arrangements for the surprise banquet and grand concert which will take place on Saturday night, April 24th at the Cooperative Center, 2706 Brooklyn Ave. At the last meeting of the W. C. E. L. reports were given that nearly \$60.00 in compliments and small advertisements were already received for the program. Tickets are being sold by individuals and various organizations have already been covered and accepted tickets. The committee decided that all moneys received will immediately be sent to the Passaic strikers.

Ralph Chaplin to Speak at I.L.D. Social & Dance

Ralph Chaplin, workers' poet, will speak Saturday, April 24, at 8 p. m. at a social and dance gathering in Belden Hall, 2305 Lincoln Ave. To this affair where dancing is promised until the wee hours, something unusual in "groceries" is assured to the hungry, and where also an unusual treat in musical and vocal numbers is listed.

Chaplin will give a brief talk for our class war prisoners who are behind the bars for their battles for labor. The speaker himself has served time for his class in Leavenworth penitentiary, and his well-known book of poems "Bars and Shadows" was written there.

The funds raised by this affair of the North Side branch of the International Labor Defense will be used for defense work and all workers attending are not only contributing to a worthwhile cause, but are assured a gay evening and the company of a jolly crew of workers. Admission is fifty cents.

Foreign-Born Meeting in Boston on April 18

BOSTON, April 16—"No persecution of the foreign-born!" is the slogan of a mass meeting to be held in Franklin Union Hall on Sunday, April 18, at 3:00 p. m. under the auspices of the Boston Council for the Protection of the Foreign-Born.

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Capitalist Class Justice in Passaic

Events transpiring in Passaic depict on a small scale and to a limited degree precisely what is in store for the working class generally when it accumulates sufficient power and consciousness to challenge the power of the capitalist class. The capitalists rule directly thru their fraudulent democracy. But the moment the workers seriously challenge their power they throw off their hypocritical mask and the sanguinary nature of capitalist government as the mortal enemy of the workers, as the dictatorship of the capitalist class, is revealed in all its bestial hideousness.

Passaic is not a struggle of the workers for supremacy over their capitalist masters. It is a wage struggle, a desperate attempt of long-suffering men, women and children to obtain for their labor some of the most elementary demands of life. But the avaricious mill owners deny them even that minimum of existence without which it is utterly impossible to sustain normal life and use the crushing power of the state to beat them back to slavery. For twelve weeks the workers have stood out on the picket line against wage cuts and intolerable conditions. The employers stubbornly refuse to yield one iota of their enormous surplus realized from the exploitation of these workers. The season for all orders approaches and still the ranks of the strikers are unwavering.

Confronted with this determination on the part of their former workers the employers cease their blandishments, their flattery, and command their henchmen, the police and the courts, to crush the strike. They are doing their best to carry out orders. Every semblance of civil liberty is contemptuously trampled under foot. Anyone who dares enter the strike zone and raise his voice in the name of those so-called inalienable rights as proclaimed in the magna charter, the declaration of independence, the constitution and in the utterances of the founders of this republic is thrown in jail by depraved police thugs without a semblance of constituted authority, hauled before mill owners' judges in kangaroo courts—ville travesties that disgrace the courts that prisoners in jails maintain for themselves—and held in excessive bail. No drum-head courts martial was ever more arrogant and despotic.

One of the pretexts of the tyranny is that the strike is under Communist leadership. Communists are trying to fulfill their duty as the vanguard of the working class in this strike as in all other strikes. We have declared and do declare that the government is the weapon by which the master class imposes its will by force upon the workers. We are now aided in our work of convincing the workers that our position is right because the police and the courts have proved by their action that what we told the workers was true.

Regardless of the outcome at Passaic, thousands of those workers who participated in the struggle will never again believe in the fiction of capitalist democracy and will join the ever-growing ranks of that army of the class conscious proletariat that will eventually generate as Antonio Labriola said, "that accumulation of energy, that concentration of force and continuity of resistance" that will hurl capitalism into oblivion before the mighty sweep of the revolution.

The Baseball Season Opens

The so-called American game is on again. The baseball season is open. The pool rooms are busy handling the season's gambling business. In most industrial establishments some slave with capitalist ideas of graft in his warped brain peddles pool tickets to the other workers in order to inveigle them into taking chances on the winners of ball games. Many large gambling establishments in which hundreds of thousands of dollars change hands thrive throughout the land. This is the real game. The men of the opposing teams who meet upon the base ball diamond are only incidental, as are the little balls that used to roll upon the gambling devices in faro establishments of the west. And just as there were expert gamblers who manipulated the little balls, so there are far more astute gamblers who manipulate the men who scurry around the base ball diamond.

The team that is backed by the heaviest betting is the team that wins. That fact has been established sufficiently to need no elaboration. The game is not "square." The brand of capitalism is indelibly stamped upon its features. It reeks with slime and corruption. Only deluded workers believe the thing is on the level. Before the money they bet is in the hands of the collector the outcome of the game they think they are taking chances on is known. The big boys in the game take no chances. It is something for the workers to stay away from, to hold in contempt.

The only sports that interest intelligent workers are those organized by them and while base ball in itself is an excellent sport it has been so debased by capitalism that in its professional aspect it is precisely like any other device used for gambling purposes. Today at the opening of the season there are men in the game that know precisely who will be the "champions" at the close of the season next October.

Besides climate, Los Angeles claims to possess something else to brag about—a blushing policeman. In that benighted citadel of the scab shop the police arrested the cast of O'Neill's "Desire Under the Elms." A policeman testified that an actress in a flannel nightgown that came up to her neck so embarrassed him that he could not look the world in the face for hours just because it was a nightgown. We do not publish this comment because we believe the story of the policeman, but only to emphasize the atrocious lengths to which these creatures will go in order to secure convictions. It is part of the sublime legal system of capitalism.

Workers (Communist) Party

THE LIVING NEWSPAPER OF THE CHICAGO WORKER CORRESPONDENTS

By CHICAGO LIVING NEWSPAPER. The Chicago Living Newspaper will be given on May 5 at the Workers' House. It will be conducted in the following manner: Each participant will write out his article. It will be editorialized in class, and also by the editorial board appointed for this purpose. The article will then be returned to the author, who will be called upon to read his article at the publication of the Living Newspaper. Anyone having something to tell that is of interest to workers can take part in the Living Newspaper.

WHETHER you are a beginner, a member of two terms, three terms or one who has completed the course does not matter. You are to attend without fail, the next class of worker correspondents on Monday evening, April 19, at 8 p. m., in the editorial room of The DAILY WORKER to take part in discussion and preparation for the Living Newspaper.

EVEN if you are not planning to take part in the Living Newspaper

your suggestions will be valuable and your presence will be encouraging to the new students, of whom there are a number. Come if it is only to get acquainted. You will be rewarded with a pleasant evening and you will be pleased to see how many new activities the class has undertaken.

PARTICULARLY interesting will be the articles to be handed in by students and then be forwarded to newspapers in England, Canada, Germany, Russia and other countries. Some are being written to be sent to foreign language papers in this country.

If you are planning to write a May Day article prepare it and bring it along so that it may benefit by helpful criticism in class. It may be accepted as an article to be read at the Living Newspaper.

If you have an idea for an article for the Living Newspaper don't keep it to yourself—come and talk it over with the class. The class will meet promptly at 8 p. m.

QUESTIONS FOR THIS MONDAY'S CLASS IN TRADE UNION TACTICS

Meets every Monday night at the DAILY WORKER building, 3rd floor. First lesson of second term: Trade Union Organization of Unorganized Workers.

a. Organization in heavy industry. b. Organization in light industry. Instructor, Arne Swabeck. Questions for Monday, April 19: 1. Is it essential that in a given trade or industry all the forces of the unions be mobilized for an organization drive and, if so, how can this best be accomplished?

2. Is organization in itself a sufficient slogan for an organization drive and, if not, what should be the additional slogans? Name any two industries as examples.

3. What is main difference of tasks of organization in heavy and in light industry? 4. To what extent must an organization drive have an industrial character in such industries as steel, clothing, building and printing, and what are the examples of measures necessary to give the organization drive an industrial character?

5. What is the essential role of left wing in solving problem of organization of the unorganized?

CLEVELAND TO HOLD FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY

Excellent Program Has Been Arranged

CLEVELAND, April 16.—The spring festival will take place Sunday, April 18, starting at 2 o'clock. A revolutionary play entitled "181" will be given. This is a mass play telling the story of the fall of the Paris Commune, in three scenes. The Moose Auditorium, 1000 Walnut St., will be the scene of the festival.

Five of the best workers' choruses will participate. The Freiheit Gesangs-Verein, the Slovak, Hungarian, Ukrainian and Lithuanian choruses will sing. H. Offner, violinist of the Cleveland symphony orchestra, and a soprano soloist, will be the other features. The Finnish Athletic Club will do some unusual performances.

Put a copy of the DAILY WORKER in your pocket when you go to your union meeting.

BIMBA WILL SPEAK IN ST. LOUIS, MO., ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 15.—Anthony Bimba, editor of the Lithuanian Communist daily Laive, who was recently tried under the 200-year old blasphemy law at Brockton, Mass., will speak at Niemeyer's Hall, Eighth and LaFayette Ave., Sunday afternoon, April 16, at 2 o'clock. The meeting is being held under the auspices of the International Labor Defense.

Sub-Section 5A, N. Y., Holds Membership Meeting on Tuesday

NEW YORK, April 16.—Members of Sub-Section 5A will at their next meeting, April 20, hear Weinstein on issues in the Workers (Communist) Party of America. At the same meeting reports of the functionaries conference will be discussed and at the close of the meeting election of a new executive committee will take place.

All members of the sub-section are urged to attend. Bring dues books. Those who have not yet received their new books will get them from their unit organizers at the meeting.

All committees are urged to prepare reports. The next sub-section meeting will be given over to the agitprop department for educational work only.

Czecho-Slovak Youth Will Hold Gymnastic Exhibition Sunday

The Czecho-Slovak Workingmen's Gymnastic Association Omladina (Youth) are giving an annual public gymnastic exhibition and dance on Sunday April 18, at Pilsen Pavilion, 26th St. and Albany Ave.

The exhibition opens at 2:30 in the afternoon and the dance will start at 6 o'clock. Tickets are being sold in advance for 50 cents. At the door they will be 75 cents. All members of the Young Pioneers will be admitted without an admission charge.

Workers' Sports



Workers' Amateur Wrestling Bouts Held in Waukegan

WAUKEGAN, Ill., April 14.—A big workers' amateur wrestling tournament was held here Saturday and Sunday. The contest was between the members of the Finnish Mid-Western Section of the Workers' Sports Alliance of Waukegan vs. Detroit. The huskies from Detroit were: Th. Paukonen, O. Laakso, V. Hirkkanen, K. Villjamaa. The contenders from Waukegan were: R. Hansen, E. Laakso, S. Korkio, H. Lahti, V. Mellin and V. Karyola.

Gyptner Shows Need of Sports Activity

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., April 14.—Reporting before the enlarged executive of the Young Communist International, Comrade Richard Gyptner emphasized the necessity of intensifying the cooperation of the Young Communist International with the workers' sports movement.

In part he said: "The sports department takes an active part in the work of the Red Sports International. On this field the task remains as follows: (a) All leagues are to take up work on the field of sports; (b) continuation of unity campaign and sports collaboration; (c) increased activity in the Red Sports International."

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WILL CELEBRATE FOURTH YEAR OF DAILY FREIHEIT

Chicago Workers to Fill Temple Hall Saturday

Saturday evening workers of Chicago will celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Jewish Daily Freiheit at the Temple Hall, corner of Van Buren and Marshallfield streets.

The anniversary of the Jewish Daily Freiheit is really the holiday of the workers that know and understand what this Jewish Communist Daily has accomplished in its four years of existence. The Jewish labor movement was generally very reactionary four years ago. The Jewish labor movement then had for its undisputed leaders the pillars of Samuel Gompers, such as Schlesinger and Morris Hillquit. The most popular daily newspaper in the Jewish language was the Forward, which defends all counter-revolutionary activities of the Second International and enemies of Soviet Russia. But tremendous changes have taken place. A powerful left wing has grown and has won brilliant victories in freeing the Jewish labor movement of the control of the enemies of the working class. The treacherous "Forward" has lost most of its power to deceive the Jewish masses. And there can be no one to dispute the Jewish Daily Freiheit has been a powerful instrument of this great change.

The workers of Chicago know the value of the Jewish Daily Freiheit. The anniversary this Saturday at the Temple Hall, Chicago, will therefore be the expression of their recognition and appreciation of the role of their fighting organ. The sacrifices that the Jewish workers of New York and other cities have endured, for the Freiheit will surely be shown in Chicago at the anniversary.

The workers of Chicago have in the past made each anniversary of the Jewish labor movement, will come to participate. Comrade C. E. Ruthenberg, the national secretary of the Workers (Communist) Party will speak at this celebration. A very elaborate and fine musical program will be rendered.

It is hoped that the class conscious and revolutionary workers of other nationalities will come to the anniversary of the Freiheit in order to express their international solidarity with the Jewish workers.

Don't waste your breath, put it on paper.

WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS SLUGGED IN PASSAIC

Goose Step Heads Ban Publicity in "Campus"

NEW YORK CITY.—It may not have come to the notice of the reporter staff at Passaic that a student of the college of the city of New York, while investigating conditions on the picket line, was clubbed by a policeman. The incident, of itself, is not particularly noteworthy except for the circumstances pertaining to the case.

The Social Problems Club of the college, which started the military science controversy, gathered together a group of five men to go to Passaic to study the strike situation. Carl Weissburg, the student who was slugged was among them. Weissburg, after the students had left, slept with the other guardians of the office at the headquarters of the United Front Textile Workers. In the morning he, in the company of other workers, went out to the picket line. There they marched up and down the sidewalk until a mounted policeman rode into their ranks trying to break them up. The officer succeeded temporarily, only to have the workers form smaller lines. Weissburg, who was in one of the lines with two other youthful picketers, ignorant of the tricks of the cossacks, moved off the sidewalk when told to do so by the policeman. "Here was where," Weissburg says, "we almost got killed for obeying orders." The three boys, peened in on one side by three "cops," and on the other by the mounted policeman, were herded against the wall on the other side of the street, where the beating was administered.

Police Swing Clubs

One of the boys with the delegate from the Social Problems Club received a broken nose and had two teeth knocked out by the gentle club of the Passaic guard of "law and order." The other young worker took many blows on the head and chest for trying to oppose the textile hierarchy. Carl Weissburg, the City College student, narrowly escaped a broken head by seizing the club of one policeman in one hand and taking the descending club of the other "cop" aimed for his skull—on his clenched fist.

The heroic struggle of the textile workers, its importance to labor, the significance of the strike for the students of City College, and the brutality of the police aroused the members of the Social Problems Club to hold a meeting with Carl Weissburg as the main speaker. The authorities, sensing the situation, refused a room to the Social Problems Club for this meeting, claiming the violation of some technical point sufficient ground for the denial of the meeting place. Nevertheless, the meeting was held in the student concourse before about three hundred boys, among whom was collected \$15 for the textile strikers.

The issue in "The Campus." The entire outrage was to come out in the next issue of the college paper, "The Campus," when Harry Holler, then editor, was cautioned by the

faculty that the entire affair should be ignored. This Holler refused to do, considering it "an unwarranted encroachment on editorial honesty." Holler was removed by the Campus Association, a body consisting of trustees and former editors of "The Campus," on the following day for the "temperamental incompatibility" and "poor taste" he had shown in an editorial written two days prior to the Passaic strike meeting and not pertaining to the affair at all. It is alleged that the Campus Association deposed Holler after receiving a telephone call from Dean Robinson, who, in turn, we realize, is only playing the game of politics and has his actions directed by some group higher up, or else has exceptionally good judgment and realizes the necessity for the pedantic lackays of the capitalist system of guarding against new ideas.

Liberal Speakers Barred. Robert Dunn, member of the American Civil Liberties and author of "America's Investments Abroad," was invited to speak before the Social Problems Club on the Thursday following the Easter recess. This was refused and, we were further told, Scott Nearing would never again be allowed to speak at the college. Also, it was asked of us, why do we hold meetings so often (once a week), and why do we choose subjects so extraneous to the curriculum as the Passaic strike.

This is free press, free speech, and free thought—those three great pillars of American "democracy"—denied in one of the great educational institutions.

PLUMBERS' HELPERS FORM ANOTHER CLUB IN N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY.—Because the plumbers' helpers are more exploited than any other workers in the building trades makes it necessary that they be organized. The committee for the organization of the Plumbers' Helpers' Club in New York has issued an organization call, which in part states: "The Plumbers' Helpers' Clubs of Brooklyn and Bronx therefore call upon you to demand and fight in an organized manner for the unionization of all plumbers' helpers in the trade by organizing a plumbers' helpers' club in New York." A meeting for this purpose will be held Tuesday, April 20, 8 p. m., at the Ukrainian Labor Home, room 2, 15 East Third Street.

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